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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by deleting the current "Related Applications" paragraph on page 1 and inserting the following sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/688,117, filed October 16, 2000, which is a continuation in part of Application No. 08/465,922, filed June 6, 1995, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/182,024, filed January 19, 1994, U.S. Pat. No.